

GENERAL STRIKE IS ON.

Members of Labor Unions All Over the Country Have Quit Work.

THEY DEMAND LESS WORK AND MORE PAY

New York Carpenters Get Their Requests Granted Very Easily—They Were Out but a Few Hours.

New York, April 2.—The strike of the building trades and a few other trades went into effect in New York and vicinity today. It has not as yet assumed great proportions and the men out are perfectly orderly.

In New York early today groups of carpenters met at the different buildings where they had been working, but none of them went to work.

About 1600 men went on a strike throughout the borough of Bronx and issued a circular to the employers. The circular states the demands of the men, which are as follows:

Three dollars and 50 cents shall be paid for eight hours' work in the Bronx at \$2.25 for the same length of time in the other districts. The men also demand a half holiday.

Some of the strikers went around to the houses to see if they would not accede to the demand. They were successful in one case, signing an agreement to pay the men what they demanded and also grant them the half holiday.

At Pittsburgh, Pa. April 2.—One thousand to 2000 coal miners in the Pittsburgh coal district are on strike.

At Indianapolis, Ind. April 2.—The journeyman plumbers struck today. They are demanding an increase in pay.

At St. Louis, Mo. April 2.—Two thousand carmen and 1500 printers to St. Louis and St. Louis struck today for higher wages.

At Joliet, Ill. April 2.—A general strike of workmen in the building trades of Joliet was declared today, about 300 men being involved.

At Charleston, W. Va. April 2.—A general strike, including all but one of the mines on the Kanawha, has been declared.

At Orange, N. J. April 2.—One thousand men about equally divided among the masons, masons and carpenters struck today for higher wages.

At Watertown, N. Y. April 2.—A strike was declared at the works of the New York Brake company this morning. Four hundred men are out. No trouble has occurred.

ASSISTANCE TO PUERTO RICO. One of the Federal Funds Will Be Sent There at Once.

Washington, April 2.—Arrangements have been made by the war department for the transfer of \$500,000 of the \$2,000,000 appropriated for the relief of Puerto Rico to Captain M. J. Mulvaney, corps of engineers at San Juan, who has been named as the disbursing officer of that fund.

Dismissed for Drunkenness. Washington, April 2.—Secretary Root today that Major O. Kirkman, Fourth volunteer infantry, is no longer the service of the United States. Under the provisions of the law.

Dr. Hillis Resigns. Chicago, April 2.—Dr. W. C. Gray today presented to the Chicago Presbytery a letter from Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis resigning from the Presbyterian church. Dr. Hillis' action is the result of his recent announcement of his views on the doctrine of predestination.

Murdered by Pirates. Here Kork, April 2.—A British steam launch was captured by pirates yesterday near the Check Hunk San district. The pilot of the boat was murdered and the launch and its crew were taken to a small island. The pirate crew was made a prisoner.

Columbian Revolution. Kingston, April 2.—Advice from Columbia says the rebels in that republic have secured some important successes that the government is taking steps to increase the force detailed to crush the revolution.

Have you decided to go with The Post's personally conducted excursion to Mexico, leaving Saturday, April 21? A grand trip is promised for the benefit of The Post's patrons. No profit is desired, all that is asked being that space be reserved at once.

DR. M. N. McLAUGHLIN, 704 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

A railroad engineer called on me a few weeks ago, complaining of a dull ache and stiffness in his back. As he sat in the chair he gradually slid down until the ball of his back rested on the seat. That, he said, was the only position in which he felt easy. My Dr. McLaughlin Electric Belt cured him in eleven days. His back now limber and free of pain. I have cured thousands of "railroad back."

Best for Rheumatism, Lumbago, and aches of all kinds. Try it. Hooks about it free.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S IMPORTANT NEWS.

THE TRANSVAAL. Lord Roberts tells how the Boers came near annihilating Broadwood's command. Both Britons and Boers showed remarkable bravery, but the Boers were a great deal superior in strategy.

WASHINGTON. First Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis resigned his office and will take the stump for the Boers.

TEXAS POLITICS. Dallas police commission has decided to put police at the polls to prevent illegal methods at today's election.

RAILROADS. Further testimony was given by trainmen before the commission as to the danger of double-headed; defense has begun its evidence.

DOMESTIC. The Kentucky court is now in session and the grand jury is investigating the Gobel assassinations.

FOREIGN. Queen Victoria is en route to Ireland. The royal train cheered on its way to Elin. Tremendous crowds of visitors flocking to Dublin on account of the festivities.

COMMERCIAL. Cotton markets lost 7 to 20 points on bad Liverpool, selling by longs and talk of big new crop.

SPORT. Eddie Gardner threw up the sponge to Dave Sullivan.

BOERS ARE ACTIVE. All Along the Vaal River the Burgers Are at Their Guns.

GUNS NOT RECAPTURED. Methuen Has Many Troubles of His Own.

CRONIE'S COMMAND TO ST. HELENA. London, April 2.—In the house of commons today, in answering a question Mr. Balfour confirmed the statement that Premier Schreiner had expressed an objection to the removal of Boer prisoners to the island of St. Helena.

FIGHTING AROUND MAFELING. Pretoria, Sunday, April 1.—Cannonading was heard in the direction of Brandfort Saturday and it is reported that heavy fighting occurred Saturday around Mafeling. It is added that Colonel Plimmer's relief column was compelled to retire with loss. No details have been received.

NOTED SOLDIER-PRIEST DEAD. Was an Old Confederate and Was with Lee at Appomattox.

PEARL HARBOR IMPROVEMENT. New York, April 2.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: The naval authorities want Pearl harbor, which they regard as the most important post of the United States in the Pacific made available for naval purposes without further delay and an appeal will be made to congress a few days to authorize the necessary improvements.

GOOD EGYPTIAN COTTON OUTLOOK. Cairo, April 2.—The prospects of the cotton crop in Egypt have improved owing to the progress in cutting the seed, thus insuring a great flow of water.

THE LITTLE THINGS OF LIFE ARE GREAT. How oft, how oft, the wheel of fate is turned by smiles and frowns and hands, And thoughts of happiness complete Fade from our hearts, as summer sands Before the flood of time are swept away From the sight of our eyes.

HOW OFT, HOW OFT, when hopes are high, When most we struggle for the prize, Lo! but the change of a die Will snatch the booty from our eyes. And life unused, as yet, to this, Stands waiting o'er her dream of bliss.

HOW OFT, HOW OFT, when we counted most, Sincere have grown, most false to be. We find that friendship, love, was lost By circumstance of small degree. Some gently moving undertow Has parted us before we knew.

HOW OFT, HOW OFT, when best we planned Our future, 'e'en to hours and days, 'Twas the weakness of the weakest hand May throw it into other ways. Unseen, unknown, the power that moves, But not less powerful it proves.

HOW OFT, HOW OFT, we learn too late "How best" best, and to employ. The little things in life are great In that they can the great destroy. Who takes care towards the close, Perhaps will never upward rise.

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BOER ACCOUNT.

Dutch Commandos Attacked and British and Drove Them.

THE FEDERAL LOSS WAS VERY

Boers Were Finally Forced to Retire When British Reinforcements Were Brought Up.

Pretoria, Saturday, March 31.—There has been heavy fighting between Brandfort and Bloemfontein. The Waaskroon and Erenlo commandos attacked 7000 British and drove them back with heavy loss.

According to the reports of the wounded who have arrived here, fighting occurred all along the line. The federal troops held positions on the side and on top of the mountains, while the British positions were on the opposite side of the hill. The British charged repeatedly, but were repulsed.

The latest reports say that the federal forces were more than holding their own, but the final result of the fighting is not known here.

The federal loss was nine killed and wounded.

Reports from Brandfort, received later, state that 2000 federal troops attacked 3000 British successfully, but that 13,000 British reinforcements arrived and the federal forces were compelled to retire after punishing the British severely.

The federal loss, according to these reports, was slight.

BRYAN'S RUNNING MATE. Democrats Want a Strong Middle Westerner for Strength.

Washington, April 2.—Prominent democratic politicians in Washington are looking toward Indiana or Illinois for a vice presidential candidate this year, and if they are able to find a man from one of these States who will add strength to the presidential ticket, his name will be "sprung" on the National convention in Kansas City next July.

Already the Indiana field has been gone over in a more or less careful manner, and the name of Benjamin Shively, ex-member of congress and gubernatorial nominee, has received some consideration.

A conference, attended by democratic members of the Indiana delegation in the house and several prominent congressmen from the South, has been held here, and it was decided to launch a boom for Shively at an opportune time, provided no more available man could be found.

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THE FLAPJACK CAKE.

Sing a song for the flapjack cake—Sizzle de sizzle de zim! That is the way the batter must bake—Sizzle de sizzle de zim! Splash on the griddle—Turn in the middle—Sizzle de sizzle de zim!

Sing a song to the flapjack's praise—Sizzle de sizzle de zim! Watch how the pores and air bubbled raise—Sizzle de sizzle de zim! See the grease flying—See the pile growing—Sizzle de sizzle de zim!

Sing a song for the flapjack thin—Sizzle de sizzle de zim! Mother is waiting with lard turning tin—Sizzle de sizzle de zim! Smell the rich butter—Hear the grease splutter—Sizzle de sizzle de zim!

Sing a song for the flapjack round—Sizzle de sizzle de zim! Sweet was that plate of towering brown—Sizzle de sizzle de zim! No one can bake them—Like mother could make them—Sizzle de sizzle de zim!

Chicago News.

SAN ANTONIO.—The council rescinded its action in accepting a site for the Carnegie library building on Main avenue near the high school and accepted the site given by the Kampmann heirs in the business center of the town.

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